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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2017-0001]

Notice of Request for Revision of an Approved Information
Collection (Advanced Meat Recovery)

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is announcing its intention to request a revision of the approved information collection regarding the regulatory requirements associated with the production of meat from advanced meat recovery systems. The OMB approval will expire on May 31, 2017. Based on a decrease in establishments that use advanced meat recovery systems, FSIS has decreased its total annual burden estimate by 4,050 hours.

DATES: Submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS
AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: FSIS invites interested persons to submit
comments on this information collection. Comments may be

submitted by one of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

- Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Docket Clerk, Patriots Plaza 3, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mailstop 3782, Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

- Hand- or courier-delivered submittals: Deliver to Patriots Plaza 3, 355 E Street SW, Room 8-163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number FSIS-2017-0001. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

DOCKET: For access to background documents or comments

received, go to the FSIS Docket Room at Patriots Plaza 3,
355 E Street SW, Room 8-164, Washington, DC 20250-3700
between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Kouba, Office of
Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection
Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065,
South Building, Washington, DC 20250; (202)720-5627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Advanced Meat Recovery.

OMB Number: 0583-0130.

Expiration Date of Approval: 5/31/2017.

Type of Request: Revision of an approved information
collection.

Abstract: FSIS has been delegated the authority to
exercise the functions of the Secretary as specified in the
Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601, et
seq.). The statute provides that FSIS is to protect the
public by verifying that meat products are safe, wholesome,
not adulterated, and properly labeled and packaged.

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the regulatory requirements associated with the production

of meat from advanced meat recovery systems. The OMB approval will expire on May 31, 2017. Based on a decrease in establishments that use advanced meat recovery systems, FSIS has decreased its total annual burden estimate by 4,050 hours.

FSIS requires that official establishments that produce meat from AMR systems (1) ensure that the bones used for the systems do not contain brain, trigeminal ganglia, or spinal cord and, if the establishments produce beef AMR product, are from cattle younger than 30 months of age; (2) test for calcium, iron, spinal cord, and dorsal root ganglia (DRG); (3) document their testing protocols; (4) handle product in a manner that does not cause product to be misbranded or adulterated; and (5) maintain records of their documentation and of their test results (9 CFR 318.24).

FSIS has made the following estimates based upon an information collection assessment:

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of a half hour per response.

Respondents: Official establishments that produce meat from AMR systems.

Estimated No. of Respondents: 47.

Estimated No. of Annual Responses per Respondent: 900.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 21,159
hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence, SW, 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250; (202) 720-5627.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the

addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20253.

Responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Additional Public Notification

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